

(b) if so, whether the Government would think of starting a paper mill unit ;

(c) whether the Government would provide loan to private people if they come forward ?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) This will be referred to the experts for their examination.

*(b) and (c) Starting of new industry in the public sector is not the policy of the Government. If the private people come forward and the schemes found feasible Government would provide suitable assistance.

Land Available for Distribution

631. Sri H. LINGA REDDY (Kurugodu)—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

the total extent of land now available for distribution and the land expected as per declarations given by the land-lords under the Land Reforms Act ?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue)—

The total extent of land now available for distribution is not yet determined. The surplus land expected under the declarations filed under the amended Land Reforms Act is about 4 lakh acres.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance

re: non-posting of Secretaries to Panchayats in Dharwar District

Sri B. G. BANAKAR (Byadgi).—I call the attention of the Minister for Rural Development and Social Welfare to the non-posting of secretaries to Panchayats in Dharwar District which are having annual income of more than Rs. 12,000.

Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Social Welfare).—I make the following statement:—

According to the provisions contained in sub-rule (2) of rule 3 of the Karnataka Panchayat Secretaries (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules 1970, a Panchayat Secretary other than the Village Accountant shall be appointed in respect of a Village Panchayat with an annual income of more than Rs. 12,000/- by the Deputy Commissioner.